

THE NINE DAYS' QUEEN.

We take the following from Her Majesty's new work, entitled "Her Majesty's Tower": King Edward died on the summer night of Thursday, July 6, at Greenwich Palace, no enemy, that the fact could be kept a secret all that night and all the next day, while Dudley matured his plan. The council were on his advice, the feet and army at his back. On the city he could count for passive assent; but passive assent was not enough. On Saturday morning he sent for Sir Thomas White, Lord Mayor, six aldermen, and a score of the richest merchants from Lombard street, to whom he showed the King's body, and papers which he called the King's letter-patent, fixing the order of succession to the crown. These papers, which gave the sceptre to Lady Jane, Dudley got the Lord Mayor and citizens to sign. The Londoners were told to keep the King's death and the contents of these letters patent secret, until the lords should make them known. Dudley's plan was, that Edward's death should not be noised abroad until Mary had been lodged in the Tower, and Jane was ready to announce herself as Queen.

With Edward was dying, Mary had been called to his bedside by the council, and she had come so near to Greenwich as the royal lodge of Hunsdon, where she was instantly seized. So secret was the death, Lord Robert's next act of Dudley with a party of mounted guards to bring her in. Once in the Tower, the unpopular princess would have found few knights to strike in her behalf. Dudley hurried her down to Stion, near Isleworth, his house on the Thames, to which Lady Jane had repaired. When Dudley summoned the Princess Mary to Greenwich he sent his wife to look for her. Lady Jane, France, her mother, refused to give her up; Jane herself preferred to stay in Southwark; until the Duchess of Northumberland fetched her son, who begged her, on her duty as a wife, to depart with him. Not liking to begin her married life by an act of disobedience, Lady Jane went with the Duchess and her son to Chelsea, where they locked her up till Sunday, on which day Lady Sydney, her husband's sister, brought her a request from Dudley to repair at once to Stion, and receive a message of highest moment from the King, she was not aware that Edward had been dead three days.

The two ladies took boat at Chelsea. When Lady Jane arrived at Stion, her house was empty, but the great lords came dashing in; the Duke himself, President of the Council; William Parr, Marquis of Northampton, Grand Chamberlain, and brother of Queen Catherine Parr; Francis, Earl of Huntingdon, husband of Anne Parr, the Queen's sister; Henry Fitz-Alan, the smiling and deadly Earl of Arundel; accompanied by the Duchess of Northumberland and the Marchioness of Northampton; Arundel and Pembroke fell on their knees, and were the first to kiss Lady Jane's hand as queen.

By help of these men and women the first fatal part of the plot was done. Jane faintly when she told her the news, she had loved King Edward with a sister's love; read with him played with him, shared his secrets and his hopes; and when she heard that he was dead she sank and sank upon her face. They told her she was queen by the will, according to the act which vested the succession in the king, Pembroke and Arundel, who were famous soldiers, swore by their souls they would stand by her, and give their lives to maintain her rights. Then Lady Jane stood up before the lords, saying she had never dreamt of such greatness being thrust upon her, but that if she was called to reign, she prayed for grace to do as might best for God's glory and His people's good.

The next day, being Sunday, she remained at Stion, surrounded by her husband's family; the Duke giving orders of many kinds, instructing heralds, sending out proclamations, writing to the lords and sheriffs, and acting generally as protector. That night the interregnum was to end, the new reign to begin.

First Day. Early on Thursday morning, Queen Jane embarked in the royal barge at Stion, and followed by a cloud of galleys, bright with bunting, gay with music, riotous with cannon, dropt down the river, making holiday along the banks, passing the Tower, and giving the hour at Whitehall Palace, and for another hour at Durham House, and shooting through the arches of London Bridge. She landed at the Queen's stair about 3 o'clock, under the sea of the Tower, and gave the signal to be deducted, through crowds of kneeling citizens, to her regal lodgings by the two Dukes, the Marquis of Winchester and Northampton, Arundel, Pembroke, Paret, Westmoreland, Warwick; all the nobles and gentlemen followed her queen. Her mother, France, bore her train; and her husband, Guilford, walked by her side, cap in hand, and bowing low when she deigned to speak. The Lieutenant, Sir John Brydges, and his deputy, Thomas Brydges, received her majesty on their knees. At 5 o'clock she was proclaimed in the city, when the King's death was announced and his final testament made known.

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